Before theFEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review - Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commisioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

For the past 7 years, I have been doing an anti-gang program on a Spanish Language radio station (KTOB-1490)in Sonoma County California.

A non-profit religious group singled our program out as "very effective in helping them deprogram kids AS YOUNG AS 8 YEARS OLD who are getting railroaded into the gangster lifestyle.

KTOB was the LAST independant station in Sonoma County, and sold last year to a conglomerate. The new owners (Luna Corp) threw us out, and started programming a new kind of pro-drug pro-violence ganster rap music---in spanish.

Since then, in one year's time we have begged and pleaded to every local station for late nite air time at no expense to them. The response was overwhelming---no station even bothered to call us back. Not even our local NPR station (KRCB), would allow us air time. Sixty percent of KRCB's broadcast day is devoted to a classical music satellite feed from Minneapolis. They just couldn't be bothered.

Since then, dozens of kids have been seriously wounded and/or killed. One of our former listeners last week was killed---when a single bullet hit him in the head as he opened the front door to his parent's house. Police found parts of the 18year old's brain splattered on a wall 6 feet into the house. Police, along with a permanent FBI agent are so overwhelmed by the amount of violence since we've been off the air, they are asking the public for any help they can give.

Two points:

- 1) The FCC cannot possibly know anything about local issues, yet allows anybody with enough money to operate in the local community. A pet Republican Phrase is "give the power back to the states." I agree! Give the local community the right to kick out bad tennants.
- 2) Force conglomerates to give (or sell at a reasonable rate) weekly late-nite airtime to local people for local issues.

In my point of view, if you fail to do either, then FCC officials are guilty, and are co-conspirators in the multipule murders of otherwise innocent kids.

Sincerely, Duke Evans